

# ANOTHER AMERICAN SHOT IN OIL FIELDS, STATE DEPT. MOVES

**Mexican Federal Army Officer Killed U. S. Citizen on December 21—Consul at Tampico Reports Death of Two More—Guilty Must be Punished.**

Washington, Jan. 7.—Gabriele Porter, an American citizen in the employ of Penn-Mex Company, was shot and killed by a Mexican federal army officer at Tuxpam on December 21, according to advices received by the state department today from the American consul at Tampico.

The consul immediately was ordered to report further information and, if the circumstances warranted, to urge the local authorities in the Tampico district to arrest and punish the guilty person.

This makes a total of 20 Americans killed in the Tampico district by Mexicans since April 7, 1917. Eighteen of them were employees of American oil companies.

Yesterday the consul at Tampico reported the murder of F. J. Roney and Earl Bowles, oil men employed in the Tampico fields. The state department immediately instructed the embassy at Mexico City to urge the Mexican government to take prompt steps to bring the guilty to justice and similar action by the department in the case of Porter was expected when the consul had reported additional information.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Mexican authorities first reported that Porter had been accidentally shot by a companion in a party returning from a ranch. Investigation by the Penn-Mex officials and by the American consul was said to have developed, however, that he was shot by an army officer. Porter's home was in Fullerton, Cal.

## MINE WORKERS RATIFY ACTION OF OFFICIALS

**Vote For Ratification Was 1,639 For to 221 Against.**

Columbus, O., Jan. 7.—The United Mine Workers of America in convention here today ratified the action of the international officers in accepting President Wilson's proposal to end the coal strike on a 14 per cent. increase basis and a commission to draw up a new agreement.

The vote was taken just before noon after Acting President Lewis had made a plea for ratification. The vote was taken on the motion by President Murray of the Pennsylvania miners' organization that the report of the international officers be accepted. According to President Lewis the ratification carried with it acceptance of any award to be made by the president's commission. The vote was 1,639 for ratification to 221 against.

## WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEES GET WAGE INCREASE

In common with thirty-two thousand of their fellow employees in other cities, the local employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company who have been six months or more in the service of the company will participate in salary increases totaling over five million dollars a year commencing January 1st.

Employees who have been a year or more in the service will receive a 15 per cent. increase and those who have been six months but less than a year in the service will receive 10 per cent. Only employees who receive less than \$250 a month will participate.

Manager Dana H. Russell of the local office states that these increases are in pursuance of an agreement reached some time ago between the management and the Association of Western Union Employees. The Western Union is one of the large corporations which engages in the process of collective bargaining with its employees, and this is the latest of several general increases which have been negotiated as a means of offsetting to a certain extent the increased cost of living which has fallen so heavily upon the salaried class.

## FORMER PRINCES SEEK FREEDOM START DIVORCES

Paris, Jan. 7.—(Havas)—Prince August and Prince Joachim respectively the fourth and sixth sons of former Emperor William of Germany have brought suit for divorces, according to Berlin advices to the Matin.

Prince August was married to Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein on October 22, 1908. His brother's marriage to Princess Marie Augustine of Anhalt occurred March 21, 1912.

## 10,000 POUNDS OF POWDER EXPLODE

**Few Towns in Maryland Report Disturbances Like Earthquakes.**

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 7.—Approximately 10,000 pounds of powder, stored in the truck shed of the DuPont Powder company plant at Fairchance, six miles from Uniontown, exploded early today and totally destroyed the building. There were only four men working in the vicinity when the blast occurred and three escaped unhurt, while one, an engineer, was slightly injured. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

The explosion was so terrific that windows in Uniontown and throughout the immediate region were shattered. The shock of the blast was felt distinctly in all parts of Fayette county, and a few towns in Maryland and West Virginia reported disturbances similar to slight earthquakes.

## DISTRIBUTION OF WINE UNDER AN OPTION POSSIBLE

**Contract Provides For Completion of Sale If Prohibition is Lifted.**

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Distribution of wine from producer to consumer up to January 15, under an option contract providing for completion of the sale of the wine only if the wartime prohibition act should be lifted before constitutional prohibition goes into effect, has been approved by Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, according to a statement by Justus S. Wardell, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Northern District of California, published today.

The producer must post a deposit, according to the type of contract involved in the decision, and if failure to lift the war time prohibition had should prevent consummation of the sale the deposit would be forfeited.

## HOPE TO EXPORT GREAT STOCK OF WHISKEY

**Plan Is to Have Needed Papers Filed Jan. 16 and Liquor Sent Out Later**

Washington, Jan. 7.—Arrangements may be made by which the great stock of whiskey in warehouses here can be exported, thus saving heavy losses to the government. It is suggested that may be done by preparing in advance all necessary papers for the exportation prior to Jan. 16, when the Nation-wide Prohibition Amendment becomes effective.

Whether this would be considered a violation of law is the problem at issue, and it is understood the Treasury Department will request Attorney-General Palmer for an opinion on the subject. With all the requisite papers ready before Jan. 16, sending of the whiskey out of the country could be delayed until transportation facilities are obtained. It is argued the business transaction would be of date prior to Jan. 16.

It is estimated that about 60,000,000 gallons of whiskey remain in the warehouses, with an estimated value of \$400,000,000. There is much discussion among congressmen as to what relief can be afforded to owners and various bills have been suggested but none met the requirements. The exportation would solve the problem and make legislation for the benefit of the whiskey owners unnecessary. A new Prohibition Law has become effective in Norway, advices from Christiania say. Regulations are framed for the importation, sale and distribution of whiskey, spirits and strong wines for all purposes. The right to import liquors is limited to bonded houses and druggists. They may be sold for technical purposes on a written permit from the police. No permit will be granted when the liquor is to be used as a beverage or for preserving.

The ready access which bakers and confectioners have had to obtain whiskey and spirits for the preparation of their goods is discontinued. Sales can be made directly to the public for medicinal purposes by druggists and physicians.

## CLEMENCEAU TO BE PRESIDENT

Paris, Jan. 7.—Commenting upon the date of the presidential election Jan. 17, this morning's newspapers agree that Premier Clemenceau will be the next president of France, although there has been no official acknowledgment of his acceptance of the candidacy.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The Hungarian peace delegation, numbering about 60 persons and headed by Count Apponyi, arrived here this morning by special train. It was conducted at once to Chateau Madrid, Neuilly, where it will stay during its sojourn in Paris.

## BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESIGNED

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Bulgarian government has resigned and socialists are trying to form a cabinet under the leadership of Dr. S. Danoff, former premier and minister of foreign affairs, according to a Sofia despatch filed yesterday.

A semi-official statement issued from the Bulgarian capital states that a Bolshevik band attacked Premier Stambuliski, when he was returning from Belgrade, where he failed in negotiations with the Rumanians, the despatch says.

## HOLD MEN IN LIQUOR CASES WITHOUT BAIL

**Attorneys For Defense Protest But to No Avail—Will Be Tried in Week.**

Hartford, Jan. 7.—Despite vehement protest of their respective counsel the four men accused of murder in connection with the deaths of 18 Hartford people from wood alcohol poisoning were held without bail for trial on January 14 in police court this morning. Prosecutor Alexander W. Creedon stated without reservation, when the attorney's for the defense attempted at first to secure continuance of the cases, that when the men, Nathan Salberg, Saul Joseph, Jacob Bronerwine and Frank Rose, were finally tried in the lower court the charge would still be murder. Following this statement and protests by Judge Joseph P. Peck and Milton Bacharach, counsel respectively for Joseph, Bronerwine and Rose, Judge Pallotti virtually ordered the prosecutor to be prepared to try the cases when they come up again a week from today.

"Some attempt will be made next week," asserted the court in its final statement.

"All the fact are in the possession of the state. We have been told by the newspapers that it is so and all the men who have been arrested in New York. So that, if possible, we ought to be able to get them out on a hearing a week from today. Then if there is not sufficient evidence to hold them on murder another charge can be brought."

The case of Irving Botuck, driver of the truck on which the poison was being transported, was held over until next week. Botuck, who was charged with violating the federal liquor law, was nolleed at the opening of the proceedings. He had been out on \$300 bonds since the night of his arrest.

Prosecutor Creedon said this afternoon that statements in New York concerning extradition to Massachusetts of men held in New York were a bit premature, as the Connecticut and Massachusetts authorities would hold another conference to decide which should go ahead with the case. District Attorney Wright of Western Massachusetts and State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn and Mr. Creedon were in conference here Monday on this phase of the matter. Another meeting is to be held but Mr. Creedon would not say when.

Although Mr. Creedon would not talk much about whether Massachusetts or Connecticut would finally try the "poison ring" those who have been following the case closely are inclined to believe that all of the men held in three states would be brought to trial in one jurisdiction, so that the links in the chain of evidence might be kept intact. There have been more deaths in Massachusetts, but Connecticut and New York are believed to have in custody the men who are held to be responsible for the deaths. The adjournment of the four cases this morning is believed to be for the purpose of having the state make no holding in New York against the men here until the question of jurisdiction is finally worked out.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 7.—Before the grand jury went into special session here today to consider indictments against men alleged to be involved in the manufacture and distribution of poisonous alcoholic liquors, District Attorney C. H. Wright, who took office today, announced that the prosecuting authorities of this state, Connecticut and New York and the federal officials were working in closest co-operation and that there would be no clash over the question of indictment. If indictments are returned by the grand jury the men will be tried in the place where results are most likely to be obtained, Mr. Wright said. The district attorney is seeking indictments against men from Connecticut, New York, Conn. and Hartford, Conn., now under arrest here, as well as New York men who are being held in that state, some of whom already have been indicted by a federal grand jury.

## DEMOCRATS ARE GATHERING FOR JACKSON BANQUET

Washington, Jan. 7.—Democrats from all parts of the country continued to arrive in Washington today to attend tomorrow the Jackson Day Banquet, the famous quadrennial event of the Democratic party when speakers considered of presidential "timber" discuss public questions.

Although the banquet is supposed to be a side issue to the meeting of the Democratic National Committee for the selection of the time and place for the national convention, main in centers in it. A letter from President Wilson, announced as important, will be read and an address by William Jennings Bryan will be delivered at that time. The message from the president and the speech by the former Secretary of State are expected to have an important bearing on the presidential campaign.

## LONG TRAIL FINALLY ENDS

**Grover Bergdoll Accused of Draft Dodging Arrested at Mother's Home.**

**MOTHER IS HELD HINDERED JUSTICE**

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Grover Bergdoll one of the two brothers, accused of draft dodging, and who have been sought by the police for the last two years, was arrested in his mother's home here today.

Detectives broke into the house by the front and rear entrances. While one of the men wrestled a revolver from Mrs. Bergdoll, mother of the two accused men, others went through the house and found Grover wrapped in a blanket, hiding in a box seat. He was without coat, vest or collar. The prisoner was taken to the federal building in a motor car.

The search for the Bergdolls took the federal agents all over the country. Grover got away in a high powered motor car and reports reached this city that he was seen in various sections of the west. He sent impatient messages written on postcards to the authorities. Once he was seen in Mexico and again in Cuba. He was provided with a large sum of money. His mother, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, is the widow of a wealthy brewer.

Although born in this country, the Bergdolls were of German descent and declared they would never fight against Germany. Mrs. Bergdoll was arrested several times on the charge of obstructing the draft.

Later Mrs. Bergdoll was arrested charged with obstructing justice. With a revolver she had kept the officers at bay for several hours.

Young Bergdoll was taken to the federal building and locked up. An officer of the Department of Justice said was the expectation that Bergdoll would be turned over to the United States military authorities.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Bergdoll was placed in a cell of the city station house near her home. She was also charged with aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill. With a pistol she defied federal agents and local police who broke into her mansion in an exclusive suburb. She was overcome after a rough and tumble fight and her weapon was wrested from her hand.

"I am glad it is all over," said Grover Bergdoll, calm in the face of a crowd which threatened him with violence after his arrest.

He has been in California and returned home Christmas eve, according to his mother.

Erwin C. Bergdoll, also wanted for evading the draft, is still at large. It was reported he had also returned to Philadelphia and Federal agents searched the Bergdoll country estate near this city. No trace of him was found.

## LENIN MAKES PEACE OFFER TO ALLIES

**Promises to Abolish Terrorism and "Red" Tribunals.**

Stockholm, Jan. 7.—Nikolai Lenin, Russian Bolshevik premier has made a new peace offer to the allies, which is being taken to London by Colonel Fialkov, British representative in the Baltic states. Among other conditions included in the offer by Lenin is a promise to abolish terrorism and the activity of revolutionary tribunals, according to an Estonian newspaper.

## UKRAINE AND POLAND HAVE UNDERSTANDING

Paris, Jan. 6.—Negotiations recently carried on in Warsaw between Ukraine and Poland have led to an understanding between the two governments, according to unofficial advices received from Warsaw.

It is said that the Polish government has consented to recognize the independence of Ukraine, provided the latter country agrees to abandon its claims in Eastern Galicia.

## SYNDICALISTS SUPPRESSED

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The syndicalist association in Barcelona have been suppressed by the civil governor there according to a message from Barcelona to El Sol today.

One hundred of the syndicalist leaders have been arrested.

## JUDGE MESKILL FOUND DEAD

New Britain, Jan. 7.—Judge James T. Meskill, Judge of the City and Police court and presiding officer of the United States naturalization court here, was found dead in bed at his home early this morning. He was 45 years of age and leaves a brother and a sister.

Paris, Jan. 7.—(Havas)—Germans accused of violations of the laws of war in France and Belgium during the world conflict will today be assigned for trial to the different allied military courts, according to the Petit Parisien. The list is said to have been completed.

## WILL DEMAND EX-EMPEROR JANUARY 15

Amersongen, Jan. 7.—Allied demands for the extradition of former Emperor William of Germany, in which it is known America will not participate, are expected at the Hague about January 15.

Recent press despatches have stated Count Hohenzollern might surrender rather than embarrass the Netherlands government, but it is authoritatively reported he will rely on the protection of Holland and her refusal to honor the allied demand.

## MAY PROHIBIT PARKING OF CARS ON MAIN STREET

**Mayor Said To Be Greatly In Favor of Such An Ordinance.**

Bridgeport may soon have a municipal law prohibiting the parking of cars on Main street during the busy hours of the day according to general opinion today at the City hall. Mayor Wilson said he favored such a course.

It is being pointed out the automobiles are fast becoming a nuisance by the way they are allowed to stand on the streets and block traffic for others who wish to keep moving and this in turn causes about half of the city's bad congestion in the center.

It could not be learned whether such a law will be recommended to the council at the next meeting or not but it is thought that the police traffic department may request such an ordinance.

## HEADQUARTERS OF SINN FEIN ARE RAIDED

**Enter Offices of Irish Parliament and Assurance Society.**

Dublin, Jan. 7.—Sinn Fein headquarters in this city were raided this morning by a big force of police and soldiers. The raiders also entered the offices of the Irish Parliament and those of the New Ireland Assurance Society.

Eighty soldiers armed with rifles with fixed bayonets carried out the raid on the assurance society's offices. It is reported one arrest was made. Michael Staines, Sinn Fein member of parliament, is the chairman of the company.

Large crowds assembled and watched the proceedings in front of the society offices. There was a similar gathering before the Sinn Fein headquarters, where 50 soldiers, accompanied by police, conducted the search.

## SWEET AGAIN CHOSEN LEADER OF LEGISLATURE

**Two Women Members Take Their Seats In Assembly**

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The 1920 session of the New York Legislature opened today. The assembly was organized by re-electing Thaddeus C. Sweet, of Oswego, speaker for the seventh time. Republicans also chose Simon L. Adler, of Monroe, as majority leader again. Charles D. Donohue of New York was the choice of the Democrats for speaker. He will continue as the minority leader.

In the Senate, J. Henry Walters of Syracuse holds over as president pro tem, and Republican floor leader, but the Democratic senators were to elect a minority leader to succeed former Senator James Foley of New York. The Republicans have large working majorities in both houses. In the assembly the Republicans have 110 members, the Democrats 55 and the Socialists five.

Many new faces were seen in the assembly, including two women members, Dr. Elizabeth Van R. Gillette, Democrat, of Schenectady, and Miss Marguerite L. Smith, Republican, of New York.

Theodore Roosevelt also began his political career in the assembly today. It was recalled that his distinguished father entered public office as an assemblyman 38 years ago.

## ENGLISH POUND IS ADVANCING RATED AT \$3.85

Washington, Jan. 7.—The British pound will be computed at \$3.85 in American money by the war department in making January disbursements it was announced today. The franc will be "stabilized" for this month at 11 to the dollar and the Italian Lire at 12.

AMERICANS BACK SOVIETS  
London, Jan. 7.—Soviet centers, backed by American communists, have been established in Glasgow, with sub-committees in various towns in the Clyde district, according to the Glasgow correspondent of the Daily Mail.

ONE ADVANTAGE.  
The ex-soldier was watching the gob holystone the deck.

"Thank Heaven," he exclaimed, "we didn't have to go out and scrub No Man's Land every morning before breakfast."

## WARRANT FOR ARREST AND DEPORTATION OF MARTENS IS ISSUED

## DIPHTHERIA CASES ARE SPREADING

**Health Officer Issues Warning to Public On Sore Throats**

The monthly report of the Board of Health shows that during the month of December there were 131 cases of measles in the city, 15 cases of scarlet fever and 75 cases of diphtheria.

This morning Dr. Walter H. Brown, health officer, said that once more he wished to call attention of the public to the fact that the cases of diphtheria in this city were steadily on the increase and if a child shows the slightest symptoms of a sore throat he should be sent immediately to a doctor. To use Dr. Brown's expression, "every sore throat is guilty until proven innocent."

Dr. Brown also commented on the number of deaths in December from diphtheria which totaled 12 out of the 75 cases. This is a high percentage he claims and says that often a death results when a doctor is not called until almost the last minute. Other months this year have shown but 3 deaths in a total of over 90 cases.

## HEARINGS ON CASES OF 500 REDS BEGUN

**Ellis Island Opened To Capacity As Concentration Center.**

New York, Jan. 7.—Hearings in the cases of more than 500 "reds" held at Ellis Island on deportation proceedings began today before immigration inspectors. They were taken singly from the detention quarters to smaller hearing rooms where a stenographer recorded their testimony. They were asked whether they were members of the Communist party and whether they believed in the overthrow of the government of the United States by violence.

The speed at which the hearings will be completed will depend on the attitude of the reds. Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner at the island, estimated that the force of inspectors could complete from 30 to 40 hearings daily, unless the extremists prove recalcitrant and interpose technical objections to their testimony. With a hostile before an inspector, he said, it might take a whole day to complete one hearing.

Speedy completion of deportation preliminaries is not expected.

Washington, Jan. 7.—To provide a place of concentration for the radical aliens taken in the recent raids by the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor today took steps to reopen Ellis Island, N. Y., to its full capacity.

Anthony Cameritti, commissioner general of immigration, said that he had been called for of the work necessary to put the station in shape to receive the expected flood of aliens who will be ordered deported.

Assurances have been received that sufficient funds would be forthcoming from congress to enable the bureau to handle the deportations without difficulty, it was said.

## CUMMINGS PUTS STORIES AT REST ABOUT DINNER

The fact that Democratic leaders have found it necessary to break up the Jackson Day dinner in Washington on January 8 into two separate functions has given rise to such dark intimations that there is a split among the Democrats that Homer S. Cummings of Stamford, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has found it necessary to issue the following statement:

"The committee on arrangements decided to hold the banquet in two groups, one meeting at the New Willard and the other at the Washington Hotel. The dinner will be served promptly at 6 o'clock at both hotels and as soon as possible the speaking program will begin. The same speakers will be asked to attend and address both groups."

"This arrangement was found imperative owing to the great demand for tickets from leading Democrats throughout the country, who have been deluging the national committee with requests during the last few days. There will be representatives from every state, including cabinet officers, Democratic senators, congressmen, governors and others prominent in official and business life."

## TO DISCUSS SETTLEMENT

London, Jan. 7.—Delegates of railroadmen's unions assembled at union headquarters here this forenoon to discuss the government's proposition in settlement of the wage demands of employees of the lower grades. Sixty delegates, representing 1,400 locomotives with 500,000 members, were in attendance.

## Said To Be Real Leader of Communist Party, In United States—Officials Claim Evidence Secured Is Sensational—Expect Arrest Soon.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A warrant for the arrest and deportation of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self styled ambassador of the Russian Soviet government, has been ordered executed by the department of justice. Martens, who is regarded, officials said, as the real leader of the communist party in the United States, was said to be in Washington. His arrest was expected soon.

Determination of the government to take Martens into custody was definitely made after all evidence which had a bearing on activities of the Russian Soviet bureau in New York had been assembled by Assistant Attorney General Glavin. Officials would not disclose the nature of the evidence, they said some of it promised to be sensational.

Martens came to Washington nearly a week ago from New York and with his secretary and other assistants, has occupied a suite at less than three blocks from the department of justice. The signatures on the hotel register are those of S. Norsteva, who said he was Martens' secretary, and who last night made public a statement attacking the department of justice.

New York, Jan. 7.—Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian Soviet "ambassador" whom the Department of Justice is seeking to arrest on a deportation warrant, is in Washington, his bureau here announced today. Despite this statement, every hunt and associate of Martens is being "covered" by secret service agents and police, it was learned.

New Jersey officials have been asked to watch radical meeting places for traces of Martens, it was said, and railroad terminals are being watched for his possible arrival at or departure from New York.

Charles Recht, counsel for Martens and other foreign extremists here, went to Washington last night "in connection with interests of his clients at Ellis Island," his office announced today. Whether he was called there to confer with Martens and Santeri Nuorteva, his confidential secretary, was neither admitted nor denied.

## EARTHQUAKE TOLL WILL PROBABLY BE THOUSANDS

**Damage So Widespread Exact Number May Never Be Known.**

Mexico City, Jan. 7.—Hundreds, possibly thousands, of lives were lost as a result of the earthquake which shook the state of Vera Cruz Saturday night. So widespread was the damage done by the shock and so wild are some of the sections that suffered from it that it is probable the number of casualties will never be known.

Private despatches received here from Vera Cruz and Jalapa state that 1,000 persons lost their lives at Coahuila. These reports, which are said at both cities to be reliable, confirm information given out last night by presidential military headquarters. Thirty lives were lost at Teocelo, where three churches and 40 houses were destroyed.

Volcanic eruptions have occurred at Coahuila de Peten from which point to the volcano of Orizaba the shock seemed to center, according to rumors.

Twenty bodies have been recovered from the Pescados at Jalcomulco and Apazapan. There were three slight shocks yesterday, according to information given out yesterday afternoon at the astronomical observatory at Tacubaya, a suburb of Mexico City.

Travelers returning here from Vera Cruz say some streams were dried up as a result of the shock and it is feared that many mills near Orizaba which depend upon water power will be compelled to close.

Several oil wells near Tuxpam have been spouting petroleum since the earthquake, according to advices from Vera Cruz.

## WANT DAMAGES FOR INJURY.

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—Germany's peace delegation has been instructed by the foreign office to claim damages from the French government for the permanent injury to the health of Frau Dornblueth, who was struck by a stone thrown by a member of a mob at the time the German delegation was leaving Versailles last July.

## 300 TAKEN IN RAIDS

Butler, Pa., Jan. 7.—Three hundred persons were taken in raids conducted at Lyndora, a steel town near here, by department of justice agents and troops of the state constabulary last night. They were assembled in an old school building in the center of the town. Fifteen known leaders of the "communist party" were detained. The rest were allowed to return to their homes.